ग्रामीण संस्कृति एवं सभ्यता का अपमान हो रहा है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ऐसी नीति बनाएगी जिससे कि अधिकांश धारावाहिक ग्रामीण परिवेश पर आधारित हों और ग्रामीण संस्कृति दर्शाते हों?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री जी० ए० संगमा): (क) से (ग) जी नहीं।

(घ) दूरदर्शन का हमेशा ऐसे कार्यक्रमों को प्रसारित करने का प्रयास रहता है जो अच्छे सामाजिक सांस्कृतिक मूल्यों को प्रोत्साहित करते हैं, विभिन्न धर्मों के प्रति समान आदर की भावना मन में बिठाते हैं और अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, राष्ट्रीय एकता को बढ़ाते हैं। वर्तमान में ग्रामीण, मध्यवर्गीय वातावरण में निर्मित अनेक धारावाहिकों का प्रसारण किया जा रहा है जिनमें से कुछ के नाम नीम का पेड़, उजाले की ओर, उड़ान हैं।

Export and Import of Cotton

336. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT
RAM CHANDRA
JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Quota for export of cotton will be given to the cotton scheme of Maharashtra;

(b) how much cotton was exported and imported during the last three years and by whom;

(c) what is the policy of Government in this regard?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) Government has not released any export quota of cotton in favour of Maharashta Government during the current cotton year.

Following quantities of cotton were exported and imported during the last three years:

Year	Export	Import
1992-91	13.766	1.15
1993-94	3.89	3.00
1994-95	1.08(Prov.)	5.88 (Prov.)

Fig. in lakh bales

Cotton exports were made by various agencies including private trade, organisations of the Government of India & State Governments and cooperatives. Imports of cotton during the three years were effected by mills under OGL & ALS.

Government have been allowing export of cotton when there is surplus quantity available after meeting domestic requirements, keeping in view the interest of cultivators & the consumers including the decentralised sector. Cotton imports are permitted under OGL (Open General Licence).

Norms to Improve Safety Standard of Private Airlines

*337. DR. BAPU KADATE:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up norms to improve safety standards of private airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of inspections conducted by the safety audit team of Director General, Civil Aviation during the last six months and the action taker where deficiencies were observed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir

(b) The norms of sefety standards laid down by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) cover Aircraft, Airworthiness Control, Policy Control,

Licensing of Engineers and Pilots, Air Traffic Regulations, Aerodromes and General Conditions of flying. These norms are applicable to all airlines operators.

(b) During the last six months, safety audit team of DGCA carried out detailed safety audit of two private airlines viz. East West Airlines and Jagson Airlines. The deficiencies pointed out by DGCA were communicated to the concerned airlines for remedial measures/compliance. The compliance is being monitored by DGCA.

Publications of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

*338. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of publications brought out by the Ministry during the year 1995-96;

(b) the steps taken to ensure their proper distribution;

(c) the reasons for these publications not being supplied in schools and colleges; and

(d) the steps to be taken to ensure their supply in schools and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The names of the publications brought out by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting during the year 1995 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 50]

(b) The priced publications of this Ministry are sold through a network of Sales Emporia owned by the Publications Division and a number of agents/book sellers spread all over the country.

The non priced publications/print material is distributed through Field offices of this Ministry and also by direct mailing.

(c) and (d) The Publications Division has a list of 300 libraries and 1050 schools, colleges and universities to whom information about its publications are sent and books are sold on demand.

The Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity (DAVP) normally sends its publications to schools and colleges.

Norms for telecasting epic serials

*339. SHRI O.S. MANIAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms set for telecasting epic serials on Doordarshan; and

(b) whether Government will come forward to serialise and telecast 'Silappathikaaram' an ancient classic drama in Tamil?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The norms for telecasting epic serials are the same as applicable to other serials.

(b) Doordarshan has just concluded telecast of a serial 'Upasana' based on 'Silappthikaaram'.

Setting up of new air customs divisions

*340. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air customs divisions set up in the country and location thereof;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to open new air customs divisions in the country; and

(c) if so, the names of the places